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## Bills To Enhance Dam Safety Approved By House Subcommittee

**Washington, D.C. – Two bills to improve dam safety by reauthorizing and amending the National Dam Safety Program were approved today by the U.S. House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.**

The Subcommittee also approved six bills to designate federal buildings or courthouses, as well as a number of General Services Administration (GSA) FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program (CILP) resolutions.

The bills and resolutions were approved by voice vote at today's markup.

"Over the past 25 years, the National Dam Safety Program has helped mitigate the risk of dam failure by providing technical and financial assistance to state dam safety officials and the 80,000 dams they oversee," said **U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA), Chairman of the Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee**. "The number of 'high-hazard' dams – dams whose failure could result in the loss of life or severe property damage – will continue to increase as our population grows and new downstream developments are created."

### **H.R. 4981, The Dam Safety Act Of 2006**

H.R. 4981, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (R-NY)**, reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program for five years. The National Dam Safety Program, administered by FEMA, was established to improve safety and security around dams. The program provides assistance grants to state dam safety agencies to assist them in improving their regulatory programs, training, and research, and to create a National Inventory of Dams.

"In order to reduce and eventually eliminate hazardous dams throughout our country, I believe we must pass the legislation before us today that will grant states and localities the necessary tools to fix this very dangerous problem," **Rep. Kuhl** said.

"According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' National Inventory of Dams, there are nearly 2,000 dams in New York State, of which 133 are in my Congressional district."

### **H.R. 1105, The Dam Rehabilitation And Repair Act Of 2005**

H.R. 1105, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Sue Kelly (R-NY)**, amends the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a grant program to provide assistance to states for use in rehabilitating publicly-owned dams that fail to meet minimum safety standards and pose an unacceptable risk to the public. The bill authorizes the rehabilitation program at \$350 million over four years: \$50 million for FY 2007 and \$100 million for FY 2008 through FY 2010.

"Today's Subcommittee action brings us one step closer to ensuring that our homes, small businesses, and local infrastructure will not be put at further risk from the failure of a substandard dam," **Rep. Kelly** said.

### **H.R. 5026, To Designate The “Andres Toro Building”**

H.R. 5026, introduced by in the House by **U.S. Rep. Luis Fortuno (R-PR)**, designates the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “Andres Toro Building.”

### **H.R. 1556, To Designate The “Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park”**

H.R. 1556, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO)**, designates a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park.”

### **H.R. 5606, To Designate The “William M. Steger Federal Building And United States Courthouse”**

H.R. 5606, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX)** and **U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX)**, designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas, as the “William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

### **H.R. 2322, To Designate The “Kika de la Garza Federal Building”**

H.R. 2322, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)**, designates the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza Federal Building.”

### **H.R. 5546, To Designate The “Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse”**

H.R. 5546, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis (R-SC)**, designates the U.S. courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the “Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse.”

### **H.R. 6051, To Designate The “John F. Seiberling Federal Building And United States Courthouse”**

H.R. 6051, introduced in the House by **U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)**, designates the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the “John F. Seiberling Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

### **GSA’s Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions**

The FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program (CILP) represents detailed prospectuses submitted by GSA to the Committee, which contain information on the need, extent of authority, scope, location, cost, size, and related information regarding repair, alteration, construction, and leasing projects. Prospectuses are required by law when the total cost of the project exceeds \$2.54 million.

The Subcommittee approved a number of resolutions granting GSA authority for design and alteration of federal buildings and leased space, and resolutions granting GSA new leasing authority. The Subcommittee also approved resolutions to amend previously passed resolutions – for U.S. Border Stations that lack sufficient site, safety, security, and operational requirements required by the Department of Homeland Security, and to address increased costs associated with the ongoing alteration of the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse Building in Pittsburgh, PA.

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